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PEEK N' POKE

The major problem we have faced programming the BALLY has been our inability to put up graphic characters that do not blink! The only way we have been able to move characters around the screen has also required us to erase the characters previous location. That method is unfortunately very slow. The lack of speed causes the blinking.

We have known for a long time that the only way to get "real-time" graphics was through handling "screeninterrupts"!! Your computer is capable of executing many many instructions per second; a screen interrupt does just that - it interrupts the screen scan at a predetermined rate and during that fraction of a second can perform other instructions that are separate from the program that is written in BASIC.

An example of programming using screen interrupts is the program "CRITTER" by

Brett Bilbrey in this issue. "CRITTER" displays a "space invader" type creature on the screen whose speed is controlled by the control knob on Hand Control #1. This creature does not blink and is totally independent of the BASIC program. When the program is "RUN" for the first time, it places a machine language program in the bottom of the screen, executes it, and returns. Which means, you could now eliminate the program for "CRITTER" by keying in each line # and pressing GO until the total program is gone, and the

creature will continue bouncing around the screen until you type in ":RETURN".

There is one limitation, we are storing the machine language program in the bottom of the screen, (you will see it twinkling) and if the cursor gets down that far, it will destroy the program. So, pull the cursor up when it starts getting low on the screen with CY=40.

Handling interrupts will allow us to do

almost anything we have ever desired, including putting up real time clocks and unlimited colors, in addition to monitoring real time devices such as burgler alarms.

As you have no doubt noticed by now, to write truly sophisticated software requires two things: how to use PEEK n' POKE and also a knowledge of the ON-BOARD ROM SUBROUTINES. Luckily for you, we have written a brand new manual entitled "PEEK n' POKE". This manual will give you beginner level instructions on how to use the PEEK n' POKE commands. This manual also

commands. This manual also includes a complete explanation of the Input and Output Ports that are utilized in interrupt processing along with a complete explanation of the "CRITTER" program. For those of you who have been waiting a long time for a way of handling floating point decimal numbers (such as dollars and cents) the PEEK n' POKE manual also includes an 11 page tutorial on how to build a complete checkbook program using a decimal routine and the "REM" statements to store literally hundreds of checks and be able



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methods in our "PEEK n! POKE" manual in conjunction with the "On-Board" Subroutines manual, you will be able to write programs for the Bally that would require between 8K and 16K if it weren't for our instructions.

The PEEK n' POKE manual to include the "Checkbook" tutorial and Interrupt Handling info is only \$7.50. If you want to write sophisticated software, but need complete instructions, this manual is a must. It is available for immediate shipment from CURSOR.

CRITTER BY

BRETT BILBREY

This program will place a space invader type "CRITTER" on the screen that will bounce from top to bottom and side to side without disturbing anything that is already on-screen. This "CRITTER" will run independent of anything else you wish to do. If you press "HALT", he won't! His speed is controlled by Hand Control Knob #1.

After you have "RUN" this program, do not scroll to bottom line! Use "CY=40" to keep any text away from the area in the bottom of the screen that is "twinkling" (also, do not use "CLEAR").

Once the Basic program has been "RUN", it can be erased and replaced with whatever you want. Use ":RETURN" to stop the routine, and "CALL 19584" to start it up again. One problem is when BASIC tries to print on top of the "CRITTER", small screen glitches appear. You can create an invisable screen by altering the value of Port 15(&(15) Interrupt Line Port), it is set to 99 which is minimum size of invisible screen. The Interrupt Line Port determines the number of lines scanned before the next interrupt(for a complete explanation of all the interrupt ports etc., refer to CURSOR "PEEK n' POKE" manual.

To give you an example of a use for this type of routine, input the following line after you have "RUN" the program: key-in ":RETURN" and hit "GO" before you key in the line:

1 CALL 19584;&(15)=99;INPUT A;:RETURN;
STOP

As you know, when the computer hits an CURSOR VOL.II PAGE 66

"INPUT" command, it will just sit there, waiting for you to give it a value, it will not allow anything else to happen until you key in a value. With this one line program, it will start the "CRITTER" bouncing around the screen as soon as it hits the input line and will stop the "CRITTER" as soon as you input a value.

So what you ask? Well, instead of having a "CRITTER", we could have a clock decrementing from one minute. If you don't get your answer into the computer before the clock hits zero, you lose your turn and control switches to the next player. This would provide for truly sophisticated software. So, don't lose heart, we are on the opening stages of an exciting software era.

Brett notes that he received a great deal of help from Tom Wood, Dave Ibach, and John Perkins, without whose help he doubts he could have written this program.

- 10 CLEAR ;&(15)=99
- 2Ø A=19584; B=A; C=64Ø
- 3Ø D=-9741;GOSUB C
- 4Ø D=19518; GOSUB C
- 50 D=18413; GOSUB C
- 6Ø D=-813Ø; GOSUB C
- 7Ø D=3539; GOSUB C
- 8Ø D=-1Ø63;GOSUB C
- 9Ø D=2Ø1;GOSUB C
- 100 A=19680
- 11Ø D=19683; GOSUB C
- 12Ø A=19683
- $13\emptyset$ D= $-2\emptyset275$; GOSUB C
- 14Ø D=-3296; GOSUB C
- 15Ø D=29677; GOSUB C
- 16Ø D=19568; GOSUB C
- 170 D=28721; GOSUB C
- 180 D=-2740; GOSUB C
- 19Ø D=-1Ø811; GOSUB C
- 200 D=-8731; GOSUB C
- 21Ø D=-539; GOSUB C
- 22Ø D=-9243;GOSUB C
- 23Ø D=12828; GOSUB C
- 24Ø D=1977Ø; GOSUB C
- 25Ø D=255; GOSUB C
- 260 D=6151; GOSUB C
- 27Ø D=162Ø5;GOSUB C
- 28Ø D=19768; GOSUB C
- 29Ø D=19744; GOSUB C
- 300 D=6151; GOSUB C
- 31Ø D=589; GOSUB C
- 320 D=-7683; GOSUB C
- 330 D=-7715; GOSUB C
- 34Ø D=-118Ø7;GOSUB C
- 35Ø D=-3647; GOSUB C

36Ø D=31725;GOSUB C 37Ø D=19568;GOSUB C

38Ø D=-13829;GOSUB C

39Ø A=19736

400 D=14367; GOSUB C

41Ø D=9293;GOSUB C

42Ø D=2125; GOSUB C

43Ø A=19744

44Ø D=-26624; GOSUB C

45Ø D=16384; GOSUB C

46Ø D=Ø;GOSUB C

470 D=2050; GOSUB C

48Ø D=-24566; GOSUB C

49Ø D=-3Ø685;GOSUB C

500 D=-21846; GOSUB C

51Ø D=-22486; GOSUB C

52Ø D=82ØØ; GOSUB C

53Ø D=2Ø8Ø; GOSUB C

54Ø D=82ØØ; GOSUB C

550 D=0; GOSUB C

56Ø D=-32735; GOSUB C

570 D=1280; GOSUB C

58Ø D=Ø;GOSUB C

59Ø D=768; GOSUB C

600 D=5; GOSUB C

610 D=0;GOSUB C

62Ø D=3;GOSUB C

63Ø CALL B;STOP

64Ø %(A)=D;A=A+2;RETURN



POOR MAN'S MEMORY EXPANSION

BY

C. J. ANDERSON

Flash Foonman, our resident maniac and sometime inventor, came running into the office yesterday looking more wild than usual. "What would you say," he smirked, "if I told you I had just downloaded that 16K BASIC CHESS program into BALLY BASIC and it's up and running on the Arcade right now?" "I 'd say you've started drinking early today," I replied, but he had already grabbed my arm and hauled me out of my chair.

Out on the bench sat the Bally. On the screen was a chessboard. White had just opened with P - K4. Nothing was happening, but I noticed that the cassette recorder was running and the red light on the interface was on. Suddenly the screen went blank and a program listing began to appear. "It's working on its opening move," said Flash. "We should have its response in a couple of hours." "A couple of hours?!" I moaned. "Hey, that's good for a chess program, "said

Flash. "Atari's VIDEO CHESS, Level 7, takes an average of eight to ten hours per move. Anyway, since we've got plenty of time, let me explain what's happening here." I assured him I was all ears.

"I really do have a 16,000 byte program running here," he began, but I stopped him. "Where's your expanded RAM?" I asked. "Where is your memory add-on?" "Right here," he said, patting the cassette recorder. " And it's not RAM, it's mass memory just like a floppy disk or a stringy floppy. Only it's very slow. I call it a stringy creepy." "You mean you've got a 16,000 byte program on that cassette and the Bally is processing it 1800 bytes at a time?" I gasped. "That's really neat, Flash, but how many times do you have to sit here and rewind the tape looking for the subroutines you need as the program calls for them? You've just made yourself a part of the machine, and I don't call that true computing."

"Not so, mon ami," he replied. "I never touch the machine. It calls for its own subroutines and loads them automatically whenever it needs them thanks to the newly discovered selective load function that Fred Cornett wrote about in Vol. II, Issue 2 of CURSOR. Each subroutine on the tape is prefaced by an identifier number, you know: 257, 258, etc. Each subroutine uses the same line numbers so when a new subroutine is called for it automatically erases the previous one from our constant 1800 byte RAM. When the new subroutine is fully loaded, a : RETURN; GOTO 1000 command on the tape starts the computer running again and it branches down into the new material. Then it decides which subroutine it wants to see next, sets the A variable to that number, and branches to a :INPUT A ;STOP command in RAM. That sends it back to the tape to find the subroutine that corresponds to the value of A. Simple, huh?"

"Hold it!" I said. "That's really brilliant, all right, but what happens when the cassette comes to the end? How do you rewind it to start over?" "I don't have to," said Flash, grinning, "because this is a very special cassette. It has no end and no beginning. It's the Automatic Repeating Cassette, catalog number 60,920 from Edmund Scientific Co., 101 E. Gloucester Pike, Barrington, New Jersey 08007. It sells for a measly \$12.95 plus \$1.75 shipping and

handling, and it boasts 20 minutes of recording time. That's enough to store 20,000 bytes of data or program. I tested the process with a Radio Shack 43-401 which has only 20 seconds of recording time and costs \$5.95, but this A.R.C. from Edmund is the cat's pajamas!"

"Now let me get this straight," I said. "This endless cassette just sits here going around and around forever, and the computer keeps jumping to it, waiting for its desired data to come around then loading that data and therefore modifying its own program constantly?" "Yup," said the madman. "No limit to the size of the program you can run as long as time is not an important factor. On a long program like this 16K job you may have to wait up to 20 minutes between each subroutine, which is okay for a sophisticated chess game or for mailing list or word-processing applications. For shorter programs, but still larger than 1800 bytes, I just load the subroutines in sequence several times on the cassette loop. That speeds up the search. If I can get them on twice, we can search in ten minutes. If I can get them on three times, it's a little less than 7 minutes."

Just then the chessboard reappeared on the screen and the computer made its move: P - K4. " I expected that," mumbled Flash, and reached for his copy of Bobby Fischer Teaches Chess. I left him mumbling something about the Sicilian Defense, but not before I had picked up his notes off the bench. Here's a simple little program that Flash designed to demonstrate his "stringy Cheepy" concept to any skeptical users.

STRINGY CREEPY CASSETTE OPERATING SYSTEM (COS)

by Flash Foonman

Use an ordinary blank cassette, or one of the two described. The program will demonstrate how the computer can continually modify its internal program by acting on its own decisions. If you use an endless cassette, it will do so with no human assistance. Otherwise you must rewind the tape after each response. Type the following line:

100 PRINT "FOUND 257"; RETURN

Now, transfer it to the tape with the following commands input without a line number (before hitting "GO" make sure your tape recorder is recording):

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NT=1;:PRINT ;TV=1;TV=1;LIST;PRINT ":RETURN ;GOTO 10

Stop the recorder. Do not rewind. Now type 100 PRINT "FOUND 258"; RETURN

Transfer it to tape with the previous command, changing the identifier to"...TV=1; TV=2..." etc. Repeat this process twice more, using "...FOUND 259..." "...TV=1;TV=3..." and "...FOUND 260..." "...TV=1;TV=4..."

Rewind the cassette. RESET the Bally and enter this simple program:

5 CLEAR

1Ø GOSUB 1ØØ; A=RND (4)+256; PRINT "A=",#Ø, A

2Ø :INPUT A;STOP

100 PRINT "START CASSETTE"; RETURN

Okay, RUN the program. Start the cassette. The screen displays the value it has selected for A, the input port opens, the program stops, and the computer loads subroutine A when it finds it. It then restarts itself and announces that it has found subroutine A.

HALT the program at this point, and LIST it on the screen. Notice what has happened to line 100; out with the old, in with the new. If you're using a repeating cassette you can sit back and watch the computer reprogram itself all day long. The actual resident program is only 44 bytes long, but its effective length is 112 bytes. It's slow, but it's real honest-to-gosh expanded memory.

As for Flash, I just heard him shout:
"Hey! If a guy has two cassettes running simultaneously, one playing and one recording, the computer could be pulling data off the first one, modifying it, and rewriting it onto the second one!" I'm going out for a drink!

BLANK HIGH QUALITY TAPE

If you have wanted High Quality "Glitch Free" Computer Digital Tape Cassettes such as those RADIO SHACK sell for upwards of \$3.50 each but didn't want to pay the price, try CURSOR Brand C20 Digital Tapes. 10 TAPE CASE (includes individual poly boxes) \$13.75 including postage. CURSOR, 59 E. Orange Grove Ave., Burbank, CA 91502

CHEAP TIME SAVING DEVICE

Do you only input the short programs in CURSOR because you didn't want to spend two hours inputting the long ones - only to find you made input errors and will have to spend one more hour debugging? If so, why not spare yourself all the trouble and buy your issues on tape? \$3.95 per Issue OR \$7.40 for any two Issues (includes postage, etc.). CURSOR, 59 E. Orange Grove Ave. Burbank, CA 91502

SIDESWIPE BY MIKE PEACE WAVEMAKERS

Editors Note: Your goal is to steer your car through and around the other vehicles on the road at the same time making sure you don't hit the sides of the road. Your car is the one with the broken boxes at the top of the screen. The road moves up toward you from the bottom of the screen as shown in the photograph. Mike as usual has done a very thorough job using very limited memory. This program uses some interesting sounds, and a unique method of movement. Use Hand Control Knob #1.



WHENEVER YOU SEE "5", PRESS "SPACE".

- 2 .WAVEMAKERSζζζζζζζζζζζζζζζζζζζ≺SIDESWIPE←
- 5 :RETURN ;BC=1Ø;FC=191;&(2Ø)=9;GOTO 1Ø
- 8 &(18)=9;FOR N=2ØØTO ØSTEP -1Ø;&(21)=N; &(22)=N;&(23)=N;NEXT N;S=S+1Ø;PRINT "C OLLISION";RETURN
- 9 FOR N=1ØTO 25;&(22)=255;&(18)=N;NEXT N; &(22)=Ø;PRINT "SIDE SWIPED";S=S+3;RETUR
- 10 CLEAR ; FOR A=-11TO 0; TV=13; NEXT A; C=0; S =0; NT=0
- 15 PRINT "ζζζζζSTARΤζζζζζζζCOURSE",;FOR T= 1TO 9Ø;E=E+1;TV=13;IF TR(1)RUN
- 20 R=RND (15); IF R>130=-RND (2)
- 21 IF E>5BOX A+RND (26)-13,-32,6,9,1;E=RND (3)
- 25 IF A<-36Q=2
- 26 IF A>360=-2; CX=-72
- 27 IF A<-2CX=A+17
- 3Ø A=A+Q;BOX A-15,-32,4,6,1;BOX A+15,-32,4 ,6,1;IF R<3Q=RND (2)
- 5Ø C=C+KN(1) ÷25
- 55 & $(18) = 13\emptyset + ABS(C)$; & $(22) = 15\emptyset$
- 6Ø BOX C,32,5,7,1;BOX C,31,9,2,1;BOX C,34, 9,2,1
- 7Ø IF PX(C,27)GOSUB 8;C=A;GOTO 9Ø
- 8Ø IF PX(C+4,32)+PX(C-4,32)GOSUB 9;C=A
- 9Ø NEXT T; CY=Ø; CX=-4Ø; PRINT "FINAL SCORE"; PRINT #12,1ØØ-S

- 93 &(22)=Ø;IF H<1ØØ-(S)H=1ØØ-S
- 95 CX=-62; PRINT "TODAYS HIGH SCORE ",#Ø,H; PRINT "ζζζΡULL TRIGGER TO RUN
- 96 IF TR(1) RUN
- 99 GOTO 96

WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE Christmas Music by George Moses

Using the music program published in The Cursor in March, 1980, pages 17 thru 19, input the following data. You will need three rem lines of 97 bytes each to store this data. Run the program and input the data one chord at a time (each column of 4 numbers is a chord) progressing from the top down for each of the four numbers, and from left to right for the progression of chords.

| 35 44 107 4 | 39 107 47 2 | 44 53 107 4 | 53 107 71 2 | 47 57 80 2 | 44 71 57 2 | 47 57 80 2 | 53 71 107 4 | 0 0 0 2 | 35 44 107 4 | 39 107 47 2 | |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--|
| 44 53 107 4 | 53 107 71 2 | 47 57 80 2 | 44 71 57 2 | 47 57 80 2 | 53 71 107 4 | 0 0 0 0 2 | 44 53 107 4 | 53 107 44 2 | 39 47 120 4 | 47 120 39 2 | |
| 35 44 90 4 | 44 90 35 2 | 29 39 95 2 | 33 39 95 2 | | 39 53 136 2 | 35 136 53 2 | 39 53 136 2 | 44 142 53 4 | | 53 71 107 4 | |
| 0 0 0 2 | 47 60 80 4 | 39 60 67 2 | 44 71 90 4 | 71 90 44 2 | 90 44 71 4 | 60 71 90 2 | 44 53 136 4 | 53 136 67 2 | 44 60 90 4 | 0 0 0 0 | |
| 44 60 90 4 | 60 90 44 2 | 90 44 60 4 | 60 71 90 2 | | 53 136 67 2 | 44 60 90 4 | 0 0 0 2 | 44 53 107 4 | 53 107 44 2 | 39 47 120 4 | |
| 35 44 90 2 | 33 67 44 4 | 35 44 90 2 | 39 47 120 4 | 35 44 90 2 | 90 | 90 60 44 2 | 60 44 90 4 | 71 90 60 2 | 44 53 136 4 | 53 136 67 2 | |
| 44 60 90 6 | 0 0 0 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |

Add the following four lines to print the title, turn the vibrato on and off at the appropriate times, repeat the stanzas twice and shut off the registers at the end of music.

199 CLEAR; CY=5; PRINT" WE THREE KINGS"; PRINT
" OF ORIENT ARE"; PRINT; PRINT" BY J. H.
HOPKINS JR.

235 IF C=-24296 IF M<2 A=-24574; M=M+1; &(20)=0; GOTO210

236 IF C=-24437 &(20)=129

240 IF C>-24299 GOTO 250

Change line 260 260 &(17)=0; &(18)=0; &(19)=0; &(20)=0; M=0; A=KP; GOTO 200

Also, remember the "Tonic for Bitter Music" I contributed last month on page 61? Here's one that's much improved, using less memory and no IF statements. IF statements slow down the music. Just DELETE LINE 225 and add the following.

210 FOR C=A TO A+92 STEP 4; FOR D=1 TO (%(C+3)-256+127) +LxT 230 NEXT D

L and T are variables that affect timing and duration. T speeds up or slows down all notes equally, while L, being a divisor can be used to set the duration for the shortest notes to one or zero while not similarly affecting the longer notes, using the characteristics of Tiny Basic's division. For the above song they should be entered in line 205 as follows-

205 T=3; L=2

To start music with title type in GOTO 199 and hit GO. To repeat the song push any button on the keypad. MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

MACHINE LANGUAGE GRAPHICS USING THE ON-BOARD SUBROUTINE MANUAL BY BRETT BILBREY

Editors Note: The following routines do not use screen interrupts, so the graphics do blink.

You say you want FAST GRAPHICS in BASIC to be used like the "Three Voice Music (see CURSOR Vol I, Issue 3)? Yep, it's me again!!

Well, please read on and let me open the door to a new realm of graphics.

The Bally games all use machine code. Even the Bally BASIC is composed of machine code. Well, all those wonderful onboard sub-routines in CURSOR's manual... Yep, you got it. Machine code. This means if you want fast graphics, you need to know about machine code.

Contrary to popular belief, there are four colors available using BASIC. There is however a drawback, you can't eliminate the garbage at the top of the screen (which is your Basic program when &(9) = 0). Well, if you are very careful, you can get up four separate colors without the junk. My "Graphics Demo" will do this, but you will see why you have to be careful.

Let's say you want to move a pattern made of four colors around the screen, and that the maximum size of this pattern is 5 pixels deep by 8 pixels wide. First define the colors.

W = White (color #7) B = Blue (color #240) R = Red (color #122) G = Green (color #200)

Take a look at the following chart, we have substituted the first letter of the color for each position of the block. The block as a whole will constitute a small spaceship.

Now, we set the color ports and translate the pattern to numbers. Now we get to a different form of number representation called BINARY.

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First, lets mark down on paper what colors we are going to assign the color ports and use this for future reference.

PORT COLOR #
&(Ø)=7
&(1)=24Ø
&(2)=122
&(3)=200

Our computer can only understand Base 2 numbers (but with the help of an interpreter can also understand Base 10 which is decimal and Base 16 which is Hex). Base 2 is also known as Binary. All this means is only zero's and one's are used. For our purposes, we will be using Hex and Binary until we assemble our final program. Please refer to the following chart.

Binary to Hex Conversion Table

| Binary=Hex | Binary=Hex | Binary=Hex | | |
|------------|------------|------------|--|--|
| 0000 = 0 | 0001 = 1 | 0010 = 2 | | |
| 0011 = 3 | 0100 = 4 | 0101 = 5 | | |
| 0110 = 6 | 0111 = 7 | 1000 = 8 | | |
| 1001 = 9 | 1010 = A | 1011 = B | | |
| 1100 = C | 1101 = D | 1110 = E | | |
| 1111 = F | | | | |

Now we convert our pattern to numbers the computer can understand (Binary). What we are doing is substituting the port # for the color #.

Port #Ø becomes 00 " 1 " 01 " 2 " 10 " 3 " 11

Now we write down our pattern the same way we did when we used the first letter of the color except this time we use the binary number for the color port. You will notice that the pattern has a line dividing it into 2 parts. This is because we must give this information to the computer one byte at a time (a byte is composed of eight bits)(a bit is a zero or a one): looking at the table we would find that 00011010 would equal 1A in Hex. Looking at our pattern in binary we see that it is two bytes wide and the Hex equivalents are located to either side. We also note that our pattern is 5 rows deep. We will need to remember the size as 2x5.

| | 0.0 | 1100 | | | | | | | | |
|-----|-------------|------|----|------------------------|----|----|----|-----|----|--|
| HEX | | ary | 1 | Binary 01 00 00 00→ | | | | HEX | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | ← 00 | | | 1 | | | | | | |
| | ← 00 | | | | | | | | | |
| | ← 00 | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | | | |
| Ø | ← 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 01 | 00 | 00 | 00> | 40 | |

Lets explain the number representation system one more time. Our computer only understands Binary, but we must write our machine language programs in Hex, and since our BASIC only understands Decimal, we must convert our Hex programs into decimal. If you find this confusing we strongly suggest you go to a technical book store or a computer shop and buy a very excellent book written by Kathe Spracklen, "Z-80 and 8080 Assembly Language Programming", published by Hayden, Library of Congress Catalog Card Number 79-65355. This book should clear up any confusion.

Also, please refer to CURSOR Volume 1, Issue 2. As we have mentioned in that issue, when converting a Hex program to decimal, me must reverse their order and then put them together as a foursome thereafter converting them to decimal. The conversion to decimal can be accomplished using the Hex to Decimal Converter program in Vol I, issue 2, or you could buy a Texas Instrument calculator designed specifically for computer programmers called the "TI Programmer" for approx. \$59.95. Now, lets convert what we have already done to decimal:

| | | HEXPAIR | HEXQUAD | DECIMAL |
|--------------------|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| Pattern Pattern | | 02 05 | 0502 | 1282 |
| Byte #1 Byte #2 | #2 #3 | 00 40 | 4000 | 16384 |
| #3 #4 | | 23 70 | 7023 | 287Ø7 |
| #5 #6 | | 29 7C | 7c29 | 31785 |
| #7 #8 | | 23 70 | 7023 | 287Ø7 |
| #9 #10 |) | 00 40 | 4000 | 16384 |

Now that we have a pattern and have put it in table form to be used in a basic program, how do we put it on the screen? Well, we have to put the pattern in a program to be POKE'd into memory where it can be called back and displayed by an on-board subroutine. The following is the machine language program to be used from basic.

- D5 Push Basic Pointer (Save your place)
- FF RST 38 (Call on-board Sub #)
- 23 Routine #
- 0 X Coordinate
- 20 Y Coordinate
- 20 Magic Register
- E8 Lo Pattern Address

- 4E Hi Pattern Address
- Dl Return Basic Pointer
- C9 Return (to BASIC program)

Next we make a BASIC program out of this by reversing Hex pairs and converting to decimal numbers:

All we have to do is add the decimal info from our previous table and just this easy we have a simple machine language program to put a four color pattern up on the screen from BASIC.

- 1Ø CLEAR; &(9)=Ø; &(Ø)=7; &(1)=24Ø; &(2)=1 22; &(3)=2ØØ
- 2Ø A=2Ø18Ø; B=A; C=16Ø
- $3\emptyset X=-43$; GOSUB C
- 40 X=35; GOSUB C
- 5Ø X=8256; GOSUB C
- 6Ø X=2Ø224;GOSUB C
- 7Ø X=-13871; GOSUB C
- 8Ø A=2Ø224
- 9Ø X=1282;GOSUB C
- 100 X=16384; GOSUB C
- 11Ø X=287Ø7;GOSUB C
- 120 X=31785; GOSUB C
- 13Ø X=287Ø7; GOSUB C
- 14Ø X=16384; GOSUB C
- 15Ø CALL B; & (9) = 5Ø; STOP
- 16Ø %(A)=X; A=A+2; RETURN

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To move our Spaceship, replace line 150 with:

15Ø FOR E=1TO 1ØØ;%(2Ø182)=Ex256+35;CALLζ B;FOR I=1TO 15;NEXT I;CALL B;NEXT E;& (9)=5Ø;STOP

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We will be showing the new Bally cartridge "DOGPATCH" and showing off a MEMORY-ADD-ON. A lot of people will be trading tapes, so if you want access to a computer, it might help to bring a Bally and a TV, even black & white.

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CURSOR SOFTWARE TAPE #1

The following two photographs and descriptions make up the first CURSOR Cassette Tape offering. Both programs are listed on one tape, and include complete documentation. Price is \$8.95 complete. Send checks or money orders to: CURSOR, P.O. Box 266, N. Hollywood, CA 91603.

PROGRAM 1: MOON LANDING

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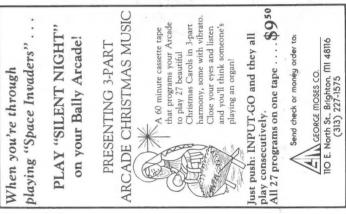
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